

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Original) Method for washing and/or treating the hair of a person, comprising of providing a washbasin with an edge provided with a substantially U-shaped recess for the neck of the person, and arranging protecting means in the U-shaped recess prior to washing and/or treating of the hair in order to prevent direct contact between the washbasin and the person.

2. (Original) Washbasin protective sleeve for use in the method as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least two layers of a flexible material which are partially connected to each other along the periphery and provided with a substantially U-shaped recess.

3. (Original) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 2, wherein the protective sleeve is made of a disposable material.

4. (Original) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 3, wherein the protective sleeve is further provided with means for supporting the neck of the person.

5. (Currently Amended) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the support means comprise a gelatinous substance which is arranged along the U-shaped recess of the protective sleeve.

6. (Currently Amended) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in ~~any of the claims 2-5~~ claim 2, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with an extension piece.

7. (Currently Amended) Assembly for washing and/or treating the hair of a person, comprising a washbasin with an edge which is provided with a substantially U-shaped recess for the neck of the person, and a washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in ~~any of the claims 2-6~~ claim 2.

8. (New) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with an extension piece.

9. (New) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with an extension piece.

10. (New) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 4, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with an extension piece.

11. (New) Washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one of the layers is provided with an extension piece.

12. (New) Assembly for washing and/or treating the hair of a person, comprising a washbasin with an edge which is provided with a substantially U-shaped recess for the neck of the person, and a washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 2.

13. (New) Assembly for washing and/or treating the hair of a person, comprising a washbasin with an edge which is provided with a substantially U-shaped recess for the neck of the person, and a washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 3.

14. (New) Assembly for washing and/or treating the hair of a person, comprising a washbasin with an edge which is provided with a substantially U-shaped recess for the neck of the person, and a washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 4.

15. (New) Assembly for washing and/or treating the hair of a person, comprising a washbasin with an edge which is provided with a substantially U-shaped recess for the neck of the person, and a washbasin protective sleeve as claimed in claim 5.